

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Hoffman, Commissioners Campbell, Dewan, La, Leung, and Walsh

Absent: Vice Chair Smith, Commissioners Vuppala, and Watanuki

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the October 17, 2011, January 23, 2012, and January 31, 2012 meeting.

The following amendments were made to the January 23, 2012 minutes:

Page 3, 10.3 – correct the spelling of Commissioner “Dewar” to “Dewan.”

Page 4, 12.1 – correct the spelling of the word “undated” to “updated.”

The following amendments were made to the January 31, 2012 minutes:

Page 2, 4.2, 3 – Change Commissioner “Phong” to Commissioner “La.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Dewan to accept the minutes of October 17, 2011, and the minutes from January 23 and January 31, 2012 as amended. The motion was approved and so ordered.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission received a flier from the Afghan Coalition, announcing an event to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 7, 2012 at the Century House, 37447 Fremont, Blvd, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Exploration of web donations via the City's website.

The Information Technology Services Department and the Finance Department are in the process of scheduling a demonstration with Civic Plus, the City's web developer, to review automated payment and donation options within the next 30 days. This item was deferred to the March HRC meeting.

- 9.2 Screening of movie "Vincent Who?"

Prior to the start of this meeting, an informal screening of the documentary, "Vincent Who?" was offered in the Human Services Conference Room. Commissioner Leung attended as well as City of Fremont staff. At the HRC meeting, Commissioner Patricia Walsh asked to take the DVD with her to view at a later date. Those that have viewed the documentary already (Chair Hoffman, Commissioner Leung, Commission La and staff) discussed the merit of showing the movie, who they thought the target audience was, and the possibility of having a panel of guest speakers to help facilitate the event. A potential date was set for May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Conrad Anderson Conference Room in Washington Hospital. Next steps for the commission are to find panelists. Commissioner Hoffman offered to contact Helen Zia, Commission Campbell will inquire into contacting the Tuskegee Airman.

- 9.3 HRC Work Plan

Suzanne Shenfil suggested the Commission meet on a future date to discuss the work plan for calendar year 2012/2013. The Commissioners agreed on two tentative dates: March 16 and 23, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. MaryLou Johnson will send out a Doodle survey to all Commissioners to confirm which date works best for all.

- 9.4 Human Relations Award Discussion

Commissioner Leung asked the Commissioners to each give the names of two potential judges for the award panel. Each Commissioner listed their candidates and a vote was taken to determine the top 5 names. Commissioners Leung and Campbell will be calling each person to invite them to participate in the judging for the Human Relations Awards.

- 9.5 Opportunities for Collaboration with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung and seconded by Commissioner Dewan to hold a joint meeting with the Alameda County Human Relations Commission (ACHRC) at the ACHRC's next regular meeting time and location:

*Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Eden Area Multi-Service Center,
3rd Floor, Lupine Room
24100 Amador Street, Hayward, CA*

The motion was approved and so ordered.

10. NEW BUSINESS (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 2012 SF Pride Parade

A subcommittee consisting of Chair Hoffman, Commissioner Dewan, and Commissioner La was created to encourage participation of groups in the city and to assist with logistics.

Commissioners discussed using a flatbed truck. Commissioner Dewan is looking into finding a flatbed for the parade. Commissioner Dewan told the Commission that a larger 16' x 4' banner will be needed. Staff has also agreed to outreach to the Police Department about participating in the Parade.

10.2 Human Services Budget/Grant Review

Staff provided an update on the federal block grant and General Fund sources that support the social service grants and shared their concerns with regards to funding levels for the FY 2012/13 Human Services Grants. No action was taken.

10.3 Referral to the City Council to Name Police Building after Bob Wasserman

A motion was made by Commissioner Dewan and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to make a referral to City Council to name the police building after Mayor Bob Wasserman. The motion was approved and so ordered.

10.4 Partnership with FUSD on “Head, Heart and Hands – 8 Great Traits”

Commissioners agreed that it would be beneficial to have Jim Morris, Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Superintendent to talk with the Commission about the district’s project: “Head, Heart and Hands – 8 Great Traits.” The project and how the City might become involved. Staff will contact Superintendent Morris.

11. COMMISSION REFERRALS

11.1 None

12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

Commissioner Walsh updated the Commission.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

No update.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

Commissioner Leung updated the Commission about Micro-Enterprise work being undertaken by the Afghan Coalition. Staff requested an update on the next Afghan Coalition class so that staff could take pictures of the event.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

No update.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

Staff has submitted a summary of the City’s 2011 MADD efforts to USA Today, and is being considered for \$10,000 City award.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

None

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.